

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 11-12, 14 and 19-29 are pending in the present application. Of these, Claims 1, 12 and 29 are independent. By this Response, claims 1, 12 and 29 are amended and claims 11 and 30 are canceled. Independent claims 1, 12 and 29 are amended to incorporate features similar to canceled claims 11 and 30. No new matter has been added by any of the above amendments. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Allowable Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 8 and 11 are allowable if re-written in independent form. Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 12 and 29 to incorporate the elements of Claim 11 as proposed to the Examiner on June 24, 2009. Thus, Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claims 1, 12 and 29.

Examiner Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone interview on July 14, 2009. During the interview, the proposed claims provided to the Examiner on June 24, 2009, were agreed to be allowable. Applicants have incorporated the proposed claims into this Response.

103 Rejections

Claims 1-5 and 29 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Babaian et al. (US Pub. No. 20020092002) (“Babaian”) in view of Buzbee (US Patent No. 6,219,832) (“Buzbee”). Claims 6 and 7 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Babaian in view of Buzbee and further in view of Gokingco et al. (“Gokingco”). Claims 12 and 30 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Krishnaswamy (US Pub. No. 20010013118)

(“Krishnaswamy”). Claims 14 and 19-28 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Kirshnaswamy in view of Buzbee and further in view of Gokingco.

Applicants respectfully submit that these rejections are moot in light of the agreed allowance of the previously proposed claims as noted above. In addition, as the proposed claims incorporated the elements of allowable Claim 11, Applicants respectfully submit that none of the cited references teach or suggest every element of amended independent Claims 1, 12 and 29. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request allowance of independent Claims 1, 12 and 29, and dependent Claims 2-8, 11, 14 and 19-28 which dependent from allowable independent Claims 1, 12 and 29.

Conclusion

Having now responded to each rejection set forth in the present Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims now pending are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests such allowance.

The 3-month shortened statutory period for Response to the current Official Action expired on June 24, 2009. Thus, Applicants request a one-month extension of time to file this Response timely by July 24, 2009, and will be paid for with this filing via the deposit account of IBM Corporation, Deposit Account No. **09-0447**. It is believed that no other fees are due with the filing of this Amendment/Response. However, should any additional fees be due, or any overpayments to be repaid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or repay such fees to the deposit account of IBM Corporation, Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Respectfully submitted,

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